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## WORKING GIRLS DENIED LUXURY

Miss Falk Says Some Have Whole Dime Left from Wages Paid.

DO NOT WORK FOR FUN

Consumers' League Secretary Pleads for Minimum Wage Scale to Raise Standard of Workers' Efficiency.

No person whose idea of a wild carouse is not a visit once a week to a five-cent moving picture show, climaxed by a five-cent soda-fountain beverage, can appreciate properly the lives of some of Washington's working girls, according to figures given by Miss Z. S. Falk, secretary of the District Consumers' League.

Miss Falk, in her investigations of the condition of working girls, which have been extensive—found working girls who live on six and seven dollars a week, if it really can be called living; and she confesses that she didn't even scratch the surface of conditions.

### Dime for Luxuries.

"One girl whom I found," said Miss Falk, "earned \$6 a week in a department store. Of this, \$3.50 went for board and lodging, 30 cents for luncheons, 20 cents for laundry and \$1 towards a suit she is buying. The rest she spends on millinery, lingerie, shoes, hose, and amusements."

Miss Falk didn't mention at once the fact that the millinery, lingerie, shoes, hose and amusement budget reached a weekly total of ten cents until opportunity had been given her auditor to work it out.

"That is the reason the Consumers' League here is working for a minimum wage scale for district women," said Miss Falk. "Conditions here are better than in many cities, but they are also worse than many other cities."

"Comparison at present is not possible. We have asked for an appropriation for the Department of Labor to compile comparative figures of working conditions, but so far the appropriation has not been made. The investigation would have to be exhaustive, and we are not able to do it."

"We have found, though, that Washington is about up to the average New York scale. The poorest salaries paid to women in New York are worse than the poorest paid here; but the best are far better than Washington girls can hope to command."

### Don't Work for Fun.

"Twenty-five per cent of the girls here do not live at home, but are entirely self-supporting. They have no homes here, and home means a lot. But of the girls who do live at home we have found that many of them are working for the fun of it. The girls in nearly all cases are supporting themselves or are contributing to the support of their families. This is made necessary in many cases by the lack of employment or death of their fathers."

"What we are trying to do is to get Congress to pass a law which will assure working girls here of a minimum wage scale that will guarantee a living wage."

"It is well understood that to pay anyone, a woman or a man, a salary inadequate for her or his support in time will result in the depreciation of the commercial value of that man or woman. These salaries, not sufficient to do more than simply to buy enough food to maintain life, make for inefficiency."

"Higher salaries will make for higher efficiency. In no case where the minimum wage has been adopted has this failed."

## ENVOYS TO LEAVE ON DECEMBER 28

Safe Conduct Through Allies' Lines Assured Capt. von Papen and Boy-Ed.

NO PASSPORTS NEEDED

Lusitania Controversy May Now Be Settled by Secretary Lansing and Ambassador von Bernstorff.

Great Britain and France yesterday notified the United States government that Capt. von Papen and Boy-Ed, the military and naval attaches, respectively, of the German Embassy, will be given safe conduct through the allies' lines to Germany. With this assurance, it is understood that the two attaches, whose recall was demanded by the United States in consequence of their connection with pro-German activities in this country, will leave for Germany on December 28.

It is reported that the two officers have already engaged accommodations on the Rotterdam, which leaves New York on that date.

Germans Are Relieved.

Notice of the granting of safe conduct has conveyed to Secretary of State Lansing yesterday afternoon by Sir Arthur Cecil Spring-Rice, the British Ambassador. Although Ambassador Spring-Rice gave the consent of the two governments orally, the State Department last evening communicated this consent to the German Embassy in writing. This written communication will serve as the necessary credentials, no passports being required for the two men.

Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, left the city yesterday afternoon, presumably for New York, although officials at the embassy observed their usual reticence regarding his destination. It is understood that the communication from the State Department has, or will be, forwarded to him. It is thought probable that the Ambassador has gone to New York for the purpose of conferring with Capt. von Papen and Boy-Ed, and that he will probably send back by them to Germany dispatches bearing on the Lusitania controversy between the United States and Austria.

With the departure of the recalled attaches, the belief obtains in German Embassy circles that Ambassador Bernstorff will be able to resume his negotiations with Secretary of State Lansing for a final settlement of the Lusitania controversy, which has been hanging fire since last May. These negotiations, which had reached a practical deadlock, were interrupted by the action of this government in demanding the recall of the two attaches. It is believed that Germany will now withdraw her insistence of the question of liability and indemnity to the Hague tribunal.

Confident of Ancona Settlement.

Despite the absence of any cablegrams from Ambassador Penfold, at Vienna, and Ambassador Gerard, at Berlin, concerning the attitude of the Central Powers towards the demands of the United States in the Ancona controversy, the internal situation of Germany is responsible officials of the State Department appear optimistic over the outlook, and profess confidence that Austria will give the satisfaction demanded.

There is a disposition to credit Count von Bernstorff, who has been in almost daily conference with Baron Zwiernitz, the Austrian chargé d'affaires, with having exerted strong influence in behalf of a favorable reply from Austria.

As far as the status of Baron Zwiernitz himself is concerned, the belief is strong that the American government will accept his disclaimer of responsibility for the letter sent by him in August, 1914, to Dr. Alexander von Nuber, the

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### FOOD AND MONEY SCARCE.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. Amsterdam, Dec. 15.—Despite the far sightedness, efficiency and preparedness of the German government, the internal situation of Germany is causing grave anxiety in Berlin.

It is becoming daily more difficult for travelers to get in and out of Germany. News coming out of the empire is rigidly censored.

The two items of chief concern are food and money. It is impossible for the government to disguise the seriousness of the food situation—a situation which is going to become acute before winter is over.

The government, at the insistence of the general staff, thinks first of the soldiers' needs and consideration of the needs of civilians comes afterwards.

### LAW COLLEGE PLANS DINNER.

Nominees for Speakers Will Be Ballooned on Next Monday.

The Washington College of Law will hold its annual banquet at Raucher's on February 5, the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the college. The arrangements are in the hands of the Junior Class, of which Miss S. Christine Quick is president.

The nominees for speaker for the class at the banquet are Raymond F. Crist, Herbert L. Sherman, E. R. Fries, M. H. Griswold, James Y. Hamilton and Guy F. Glosbrenner. The election will take place next Monday evening.

The founder of the college, Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey, now honorary dean, is acting as faculty adviser to the class. The last session of the college before Christmas will be next Wednesday, when the examinations in real property will be held. The college resumes classes on Monday, January 3.

Reports Russian Defeat by Persians.

Constantinople, Dec. 15.—Russian troops under Gen. Samanov in Persia have been defeated by Mohammedan Persians, who captured 300 Cossacks and two machine guns.

A mass meeting has been held at Laphan, at which protests were made against the treatment of Persia by Russia and England.

### "ROBIN HOOD" PRESENTED.

Colonial School for Girls Gives Show and Reception.

Pupils of the Colonial School for Girls, eighteenth and Q streets northwest, presented "Robin Hood" last night in the main ball room of the school under direction of Miss Helen Pauline Lemon, of the senior class.

Following the opera a reception was held by members of the senior class and the principal of the school, Miss Charlotte C. Everett.

The young ladies taking part last night were: Florence Bradner, Charlotte Hommel, Elizabeth Waters, Beatrice Traugott, Gwendolyn Pierson, Martha Gamble, Martha Niemann, Mary Gayton, Ruth Crawford, Wilhelmina Lamont, Millicent Towse, Helen McKillip, Louise Scaggs, Louise Droschard, Alma Hamrick, Helen Watters, Margaret Gamble, Lena Gallup, Irene Sayre, Isabelle Polk, Laura Hackley, Marjorie Dewey, Helen Lemon, Madeline Green, Opal Hillard, and Isabel Watters.

Sick Man's Desperate Deed.

New York, Dec. 15.—Francis from lines Frederick Schaeffer, a former member of the fire department, shot and killed one of his children, killed his mother-in-law, shot his wife and then, after trying to shoot another child, committed suicide. The tragedy occurred in Schaeffer's home at Corin, Long Island.

## THEODORE TILLER NEW PRESS CLUB PRESIDENT

Drafton Wilcox Elected His Aid and John Smallwood to Handle the Funds.

Theodore H. Tiller was chosen president of the National Press Club yesterday afternoon at the annual election. Mr. Tiller is connected with The New York Times and The Washington Times.

Drafton Wilcox, of the Associated Press, was elected vice president. Charles C. Hart, Spokane (Wash.) Stockmen Review, was made secretary. John B. Smallwood, The Evening Star, treasurer; Jesse S. Cottrell, Nashville Banner, financial secretary.

The following were chosen to form the new board of governors: Mark Goodwin, Dallas News; Gus J. Karger, Cincinnati Times-Star; Frank B. Lord, Buffalo Times; Guy Mason, International News Service; and John E. Nevin, International News Service.

## GROVER BEING TRIED ON GIRL'S CHARGES

Prosecution in Wenger-Heim Suit Completes Direct Testimony—Six Witnesses Appear for Her.

Guarded with having misinterpreted Carrie F. Wenger, 15, a high school girl, George W. Heim, 25, a grocer at North Capitol street and Seaton place northwest, was placed on trial before Justice Siddons and a jury in Criminal Court Number 2 yesterday.

Heim was indicted by the grand jury on May 11 last. Yesterday she told how he had made propositions of love to her and had wanted her to leave Washington with him. As the girl told her story, Heim sat in court with his wife.

According to the story of Miss Wenger, she told her parents that she was going to visit a girl friend but went to a boarding house in I street northwest, where Heim had arranged for a room. She remained there nearly a week.

Following the indictment of the grocer, Miss Wenger said that he asked her to leave the city and she went to Baltimore for a week.

After the girl and six other witnesses for the prosecution had testified, the prosecution rested. The defendant will be heard today.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Hawken and Arth. while Attorney Matthew O'Brien appears for the grocer.

## HENRY WILL TALK WITH CLARK ON PLAZA PROBE

Chairman of Rules Committee Surprised That Commission Has Labored Thirteen Months.

Chairman Henry of the rules committee, to which was referred the Clark resolution calling for an investigation into the activities of the Plaza commission, declared yesterday that he would confer with Mr. Clark over the resolution before the next meeting of the committee.

"I am much interested in the statement of the case as it appeared in The Herald this morning," declared Judge Henry. "I am surprised to learn that the commission has not yet completed its labors after thirteen months. When the resolution creating the commission was before the House it was urged that owners of small property were in dire straits because of the delay in acquiring their property, and I remember reporting out a special rule to expedite consideration of the measure for this reason. I will get in touch with Mr. Clark and go over the resolution with him before the committee meets."

## APPROVES OF AIRCRAFT.

Advisory Board Submits Its Report to House of Representatives.

The first report of the Aeronautical Advisory Board, created by the last Congress, was submitted to the House yesterday. The report, which bears the signature of Gen. George W. Scriven, chairman of the board, shows that Gen. Scriven and his associates have conducted extensive scientific researches during the past year. Through consultations with eminent engineers and independent study the board has collected a mass of data of a scientific character that is expected to be useful in the development of aircraft for war purposes. The report says in part:

"The importance of aircraft to the army and navy departments in view of the utilization of such craft in the present war in Europe, is so evident that no further comment is necessary. It is strongly recommended that adequate facilities be provided to conduct the important experimental work necessary for the efficient development of both branches of aeronautical lines."



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